INTERIM RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

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8. Summary explaining the effect of the rule:

He-P 816 sets forth the requirements necessary to establish, operate, and maintain a licensed educational health center in a manner that protects the safety and welfare of its clients.

Most of He-P 816 expired on June 26, 2016. Pursuant to RSA 541-A:19, I(e), the adoption of the expired rules as interim rules is necessary to minimize the time between the expiration of these rules and their subsequent readoption by the Department.

9. Listing of people, enterprises, and government agencies affected by the rule:

This interim rule affects those entities operating, or seeking to operate, an educational health center in the state of New Hampshire, and their clients.

10. Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement.

RULE	STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE THE RULE IMPLEMENTS
He-P 816.01 – He-P 816.03	RSA 151:9, I(a)(b)
He-P 816.04 – He-P 816.06	RSA 151:2, I(a); RSA 151:2, II; RSA 151:9, I(a)
He-P 816.07 – He-P 816.08	RSA 151:9, I(a)
He-P 816.09	RSA 151:9, I(e)
He-P 816.10	RSA 151:9, I(a)
He-P 816.11	RSA 151:9, I(e)
He-P 816.13	RSA 151:9, I(f)(h)
He-P 816.14	RSA 151:9, I(a)
He-P 816.19 – He-P 816.23	RSA 151:9, I(a)

11. Summary of the effect upon the state if the rule were not adopted:

If this interim rule is not adopted, the Department would lack the necessary enforcement mechanism to properly regulate these licensed facilities.

12. Proposed date of review by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules:

September 15, 2016

13. The fiscal impact statement prepared by the Legislative Budget Assistant

Not applicable.

Adopt He-P 816.01 – 816.11, previously effective 6/26/08 (Document #9193), and expired 6/26/16, cited and to read as follows:

CHAPTER He-P 800 RESIDENTIAL CARE AND HEALTH FACILITY RULES

PART He-P 816 EDUCATIONAL HEALTH CENTERS

He-P 816.01 <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this part is to set forth the licensing requirements for all educational health centers licensed pursuant to RSA 151:2, I(a).

He-P 816.02 <u>Scope</u>. This part shall apply to any individual, agency, partnership, corporation, association or legal entity other than a governmental unit operating an educational health center, except:

- (a) All facilities listed in RSA 151:2, II(a)-(g);
- (b) All entities which are owned or operated by the state of New Hampshire, pursuant to RSA 151:2, II(h); and
- (c) All clinics whose sole source of funding for services is from a contract with the department of health and human services.

He-P 816.03 Definitions.

- (a) "Abuse" means "emotional abuse," "sexual abuse" or "physical abuse" as defined in this section.
- (b) "Academic program" means a course of study, offered by the licensee, in subjects such as English, social studies, the arts, mathematics, language and science.
- (c) "Administer" means "administer" as defined by RSA 318:1, I, namely "an act whereby a single dose of a drug is instilled into the body of, applied to the body of, or otherwise given to a person for immediate consumption or use."
- (d) "Administrative remedy" means a corrective action imposed upon a licensee in response to non-compliance with RSA 151 and He-P 816.
- (e) "Administrator" means the licensee or individual appointed by the licensee to be responsible for all aspects of the daily operation of the licensed premises.
 - (f) "Admission" means accepted by a licensee for the provision of services to a student.
- (g) "Applicant" means an individual, agency, partnership, corporation, government entity, association, or other legal entity seeking a license to operate an educational health center pursuant to RSA 151:2, I(a).
- (h) "Chemical restraint" means any medication prescribed to control a participant's behavior or emotional state without a supporting diagnosis or for the convenience of program staff.
- (i) "Change of ownership" means the transfer in the controlling interest of an established educational health center to any individual, agency, partnership, corporation, government entity, association or other legal entity.

- (j) "Continuing education" means an educational program which is designed to increase the knowledge, skills, and overall effectiveness of personnel.
- (k) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the New Hampshire department of health and human services or his or her designee.
 - (1) "Days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified in the rule.
- (m) "Deficiency" means any action, failure to act or other set of circumstances that cause a licensee to be out of compliance with RSA 151 or He-P 816.
 - (n) "Department" means the New Hampshire department of health and human services.
 - (o) "Direct care personnel" means any person providing hands on care or services to a client.
- (p) "Directed plan of correction" means a plan developed and written by the department that specifies the actions the licensee must take to correct identified deficiencies.
- (q) "Educational health center (EHC)" means a facility that provides health care services to students of an educational institution, including but not limited to, private schools and colleges.
- (r) "Educational institution" means an established institution, other than an institution operated by a government entity, whose purpose is to impart knowledge or skills.
 - (s) "Emergency plan" means a document outlining the responsibilities of personnel in an emergency.
- (t) "Emotional abuse" means the misuse of power, authority, or both, verbal harassment, or unreasonable confinement which results or could result in the mental anguish or emotional distress of a person.
- (u) "Exploitation" means the illegal use of a person or property for another person's profit or advantage, or the breach of a fiduciary relationship through the use of a person or person's property for any purpose not in the proper and lawful execution of a trust, including, but not limited to, situations where a person obtains money, property, or services from a person through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud.
- (v) "Guardian" means the parent of a student under the age of 18 or a person appointed under RSA 463.
- (w) "Guideline" means a written statement that specifies the assessment and treatment to be provided to a student of the EHC for a specific medical condition.
 - (x) "Infectious waste" means those items specified by Env-Sw 103.28 and regulated by Env-Sw 904.
- (y) "Inspection" means the process followed by the department to determine an applicant's or a licensee's compliance with RSA 151 and He-P 816 or to respond to allegations of non-compliance with RSA 151 or He-P 816.
- (z) "License" means the document issued to an applicant or licensee of an EHC which authorizes operation of an EHC in accordance with RSA 151 and He-P 816, and includes the name of the licensee, the name of the business, the physical address, the license category, the effective date and license number.

- (aa) "License certificate" means the document issued by the department to an applicant or licensee that, in addition to the information contained on a license, includes the name of the administrator, the type(s) of services authorized and the number of beds that the EHC is licensed for.
 - (ab) "Licensed practitioner" means a:
 - (1) Medical doctor;
 - (2) Physician's assistant;
 - (3) Advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP);
 - (4) Doctor of osteopathy; or
 - (5) Doctor of naturopathic medicine.
- (ac) "Licensed premises" means the facility that comprises the physical location the department has approved for the licensee to conduct operations in accordance with its license.
- (ad) "Licensee" means any person or legal entity to which a license has been issued pursuant to RSA 151.
 - (ae) "Licensing classification" means the specific category of services authorized by a license.
- (af) "Mechanical restraint" means locked, secured or alarmed EHCs or units within an EHC, or anklets, bracelets or similar devices that cause a door to automatically lock when approached, thereby preventing a participant from freely exiting the EHC or unit within.
- (ag) "Medical director" means a physician licensed in New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 329, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed in accordance with RSA 326-B, who is responsible for overseeing the quality of medical care and services at the EHC.
- (ah) "Medication" means a substance available with or without a prescription, which is used as a curative or remedial substance.
- (ai) "Neglect" means an act or omission that results or could result in the deprivation of essential services or supports necessary to maintain the minimum mental, emotional or physical health and safety of a student.
- (aj) "Nurse" means a person licensed in accordance with RSA 326-B as either an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN).
- (ak) "Orders" means prescriptions, instructions for treatments, special diets or therapies given by a licensed practitioner, or other individual authorized by law.
- (al) "Patient rights" means the privileges and responsibilities possessed by each student as established in RSA 151:21.
- (am) "Personnel" means individual(s), either paid or volunteer, who provide direct or indirect care or services, or both, to a student(s).

- (an) "Physical abuse" means the use of physical force, which results or could result in physical injury to a person.
- (ao) "Physical restraint" means the use of hands-on or other physically applied technique to physically limit the participant's freedom of movement, which includes but is not limited to forced escorts, holding, prone restraints or other containment techniques.
- (ap) "Plan of correction (POC)" means a plan developed and written by the licensee, which specifies the actions that will be taken to correct identified deficiencies.
 - (aq) "Pro re nata (PRN) medication" means medication taken as circumstances may require.
- (ar) "Procedure" means a licensee's written, standardized method of performing duties and providing services.
- (as) "Sexual abuse" means contact or interaction of a sexual nature involving a student without his or her consent.
- (at) "Student" means any person enrolled at the educational facility, or any faculty, staff, or visitor of the educational facility, who is admitted to or in any way receiving care, services or both from an EHC licensed in accordance with RSA 151 and He-P 816.
- (au) "Student record" means the documentation of all care and services, which includes all documentation required by RSA 151, He-P 816 and any other federal and state requirements.
- (av) "Unusual incident" means an occurrence of any of the following while the student is either in the EHC or in the care of EHC personnel:
 - (1) The unanticipated death of the student; or
 - (2) A negative outcome, an accident, or other circumstance that has resulted in an injury or harm that requires examination or treatment by a licensed practitioner.

He-P 816.04 Initial License Application Requirements.

- (a) Each applicant for a license shall comply with the requirements of RSA 151:4, I-III(a), and submit the following to the department:
 - (1) A completed application form entitled "Application for Residential Care or Health Care License," signed by the applicant or 2 of the corporate officers affirming the following:
 - "I affirm that I am familiar with the requirements of RSA 151 and the rules adopted thereunder and that the premises are in full compliance. I understand that providing false information shall be grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license, and the imposition of a fine."
 - (2) A floor plan of the prospective EHC;
 - (3) If applicable, proof of authorization from the New Hampshire secretary of state to do business in New Hampshire in the form of one of the following:

- a. "Certificate of Authority," if a corporation;
- b. "Certificate of Formation," if a limited liability corporation; or
- c. "Certificate of Trade Name," if a sole proprietorship;
- (4) The applicable fee in accordance with RSA 151:5, I(c), payable in cash in the exact amount of the fee or, if paid by check or money order, the exact amount of the fee made payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire";
- (5) A resume identifying the name and qualifications of the EHC administrator;
- (6) Copies of applicable licenses for the EHC administrator;
- (7) Written local approvals as follows:
 - a. For an existing building, the following written local approvals, shall be obtained no more than 90 days prior to submission of the application, from the following local officials or if there is no such official(s), from the board of selectmen or mayor:
 - 1. The health officer verifying that the applicant complies with all applicable local health requirements and drinking water and wastewater requirements;
 - 2. The building official verifying that the applicant complies with all applicable state building codes and local building ordinances;
 - 3. The zoning officer verifying that the applicant complies with all applicable local zoning ordinances; and
 - 4. The fire chief verifying that the applicant complies with Saf-C 6000, the state fire code, as adopted by the commissioner of the department of safety, and local fire ordinances applicable for a health care facility; or
 - b. For a building under construction, the written approvals required by a. above shall be submitted at the time of the application based on the local official's review of the building plans and again upon completion of the construction project;
- (8) Documentation that the water supply has been tested in accordance with RSA 485 and Env-Ws 313.01 and 314.01, or documentation that the EHC is on a municipal water system as defined in Env-Ws 302.45:
- (9) A written disclosure from the applicant, including the licensee, administrator, and medical director, as applicable, containing a list of any:
 - a. Convictions in this or any other state;
 - b. Adjudications of juvenile delinquency;
 - c. Permanent restraining or protective orders;

- d. Findings by the department or any other administrative agency in this or any other state for assault, fraud, abuse or exploitation; and
- e. An explanation of the circumstances surrounding the disclosed matters described in a. through d. above; and
- (10) The results of a criminal records check from the NH department of safety for the applicant, licensee, administrator and medical director as applicable.
- (b) Information disclosed regarding adjudication of juvenile delinquency, as required by (a)(9)b. above, shall be confidential and shall not be released except in a proceeding involving the question of licensure, such as revocation of a license, or pursuant to court order.
 - (c) The applicant shall mail or hand-deliver the documents to:

Department of Health and Human Services Health Facilities Administration 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

He-P 816.05 Processing of Applications and Issuance of Licenses.

- (a) An application for an initial license shall be complete when the department determines that all items required by He-P 816.04(a) have been received.
- (b) If an application does not contain all of the items required by He-P 816.04(a) the department shall notify the applicant in writing of the items required before the application can be processed.
- (c) Any licensing fee submitted to the department in the form of a check or money order and returned to the state for any reason, shall be processed in accordance with RSA 6:11-a.
 - (d) Licensing fees shall not be transferable to any other application(s).
- (e) The department shall deny a licensing request in accordance with He-P 816.13(b) after reviewing the information in He-P 816.04(a)(9) and (10) above if, after review, it determines that the applicant, licensee, administrator or medical director, as applicable:
 - (1) Has been convicted of any felony in this or any other state;
 - (2) Has been convicted of a sexual assault, other violent crime, assault, fraud, abuse, neglect or exploitation;
 - (3) Has had a finding by the department or any administrative agency in this or any other state for assault, fraud, abuse, neglect or exploitation of any person; or
 - (4) Otherwise poses a threat to the health, safety or well-being of students.
 - (f) An inspection shall be completed in accordance with He-P 816.09 prior to the issuance of a license.
- (g) Following an inspection, a license shall be issued if the department determines that an applicant requesting an initial license is in full compliance with RSA 151 and He-P 816.

(h) All licenses issued in accordance with RSA 151 shall be non-transferable by person or location.

He-P 816.06 License Expirations and Procedures for Renewals.

- (a) A license shall be valid on the date of issuance and expire the following year on the last day of the month it was issued unless a completed application for renewal has been received.
- (b) Each licensee shall complete and submit to the department an application form pursuant to He-P 816.04(a)(1) at least 120 days prior to the expiration of the current license.
 - (c) The licensee shall submit with the renewal application:
 - (1) The materials required by He-P 816.04(a)(1), (4), and (9);
 - (2) The current license number;
 - (3) A request for renewal of any existing waiver previously granted by the department, in accordance with He-P 816.10(f), if applicable; and
 - (4) A statement identifying any variances applied for or granted by the state fire marshal, in accordance with Saf-C 6005.03–6005.04.
- (d) In addition to (c) above, the licensee shall provide documentation that every 3 years the water supply has been tested for bacteria and nitrates and determined to be at acceptable levels, in accordance with Env-Ws 313.01 for bacteria and Env-Ws 314.01 for nitrates, or documentation that the EHC is on a municipal water system as defined in Env-Ws 302.45.
- (e) Following an inspection, as described in He-P 816.09, a license shall be renewed if the department determines that the licensee:
 - (1) Submitted an application containing all the items required by (c) above, prior to the expiration of the current license;
 - (2) If deficiencies were cited at the last licensing inspection or investigation, has submitted a POC that has been accepted by the department and implemented by the licensee; and
 - (3) Is found to be in compliance with RSA 151 and He-P 816 at the renewal inspection.
- (f) Any licensee who does not submit a complete application for renewal prior to the expiration of an existing license shall be required to submit an application for initial license pursuant to He-P 816.04.
- (g) If a licensee chooses to cease the operation of the EHC, the licensee shall submit written notification to the department at least 30 days in advance.
- (h) Prior to issuing a renewal license the department shall review any of the information submitted in accordance with He-P 816.04(a)(9) above and shall deny a license renewal in accordance with He-P 816.05(e).

He-P 816.07 EHC Construction, Modifications or Renovations.

	(a) Sixty days prior to initiating construction	tion, the EHC shall	ll provide to the department	t architectural
plans,	drawn to scale, for construction, renovation	on or structural alte	erations for the following:	

- (1) A new building;
- (2) Additions to the building; and
- (3) Renovations or alterations that:
 - a. Involve more than 15% of the square footage of the premise;
 - b. Involve any student area;
 - c. Require approval from local or state authorities; and
 - d. Effect compliance with the health and safety, fire or building codes, including but not limited to, fire suppression, detections systems and means of egress.
- (b) The department shall review plans for construction, renovation or structural alterations of an EHC for compliance with all applicable sections of RSA 151 and He-P 816 and notify the applicant or licensee as to whether the proposed changes comply with these requirements.
- (c) Department approval shall not be required prior to initiating construction, renovations or structural alterations, however an applicant or licensee who proceeds prior to receiving approval shall do so at his or her own risk.
- (d) The EHC shall comply with all applicable licensing regulations when doing construction, modifications or alterations.
- (e) Any licensee or applicant constructing, renovating, or structurally altering a building shall comply with the following:
 - (1) The state fire code, Saf-C 6000, as adopted by the commissioner of the department of safety under RSA 153; and
 - (2) The state building code as defined in RSA 155-A:1, IV, as amended by the building code review board pursuant to RSA 155-A:10, V.
 - (f) The completed building shall be subject to an inspection pursuant to He-P 816.09 prior to its use.

He-P 816.08 EHC Requirements for Organizational Changes.

- (a) The EHC shall provide the department with written notice at least 30 days prior to changes in any of the following:
 - (1) Ownership;
 - (2) Physical location;
 - (3) Address;

- (4) Name; or
- (5) The number of beds authorized under the current license.
- (b) When there is a change in name, the EHC shall submit to the department a copy of the certificate of amendment from the New Hampshire secretary of state, if applicable.
- (c) The EHC shall complete and submit a new application and obtain a new or revised license, license certificate or both, as applicable, prior to operating for:
 - (1) A change in ownership;
 - (2) A change in the physical location; or
 - (3) An increase in the number of beds authorized under the current license.
- (d) When there is a change in address without a change in location, the EHC shall provide the department with a copy of the notification from the local, state or federal agency that requires the address change.
- (e) The EHC shall notify the department in writing as soon as possible prior to a change in administrator or medical director and provide the department with the following:
 - (1) The information specified in He-P 816.04(a)(9) and (a)(10);
 - (2) A resume identifying the name and qualifications of the new administrator or medical director; and
 - (3) Copies of applicable licenses for the new administrator or medical director.
- (f) Upon review of the materials submitted in accordance with (e) above, the department shall make a determination as to whether the new administrator or medical director:
 - (1) Does not have a history of any of the criteria identified in He-P 816.05(e); and
 - (2) Meets the qualifications for the position, as specified in He-P 816.15(a) for an administrator and He-P 816.15(c) for a medical director.
- (g) If the department determines that the new administrator or medical director does not meet the requirements of He-P 816.15 for his or her position, it shall so notify the EHC in writing so that a waiver can be sought or the program can hire a qualified candidate.
- (h) When there is to be a change in the services provided, the EHC shall provide the department with a description of the service change and, where applicable, identify what additional personnel will be hired and their qualifications, how the new services will be incorporated into the infection control and quality improvement programs and describe what changes, if any, in the physical environment will be made.
- (i) The department shall review the information submitted under (h) above and determine if the added services can be provided under the EHC's current license.

- (j) An inspection by the department shall be conducted prior to operation when there are changes in the following:
 - (1) Ownership, unless the current licensee has no outstanding administrative actions in process and there will be no changes made by the new owner in the scope of services provided;
 - (2) The physical location;
 - (3) An change in the number of beds authorized under the current license; or
 - (4) A change in licensing classification.
 - (k) A new license and license certificate shall be issued for a change in ownership or physical location.
 - (1) A revised license and license certificate shall be issued for a change in the EHC's name.
 - (m) A revised license certificate shall be issued for any of the following:
 - (1) A change in administrator or medical director;
 - (2) A change in the number of beds authorized under the current license;
 - (3) A change in the scope of services provided;
 - (4) A change in address without a change in physical location; or
 - (5) When a waiver has been granted.
- (n) Licenses issued under (k) above shall expire on the date the license issued to the previous owner would have expired.
- (o) The licensee shall return the previous license to the division within 10 days of the facility changing its ownership, physical location, address or name.

He-P 816.09 Inspections.

- (a) For the purpose of determining compliance with RSA 151 and He-P 816, as authorized by RSA 151:6 and RSA 151:6-a, the licensee shall admit and allow any department representative at any time to inspect the following:
 - (1) The licensed premises;
 - (2) All programs and services provided by the EHC; and
 - (3) Any records required by RSA 151 and He-P 816.
- (b) The department shall conduct an inspection, including a clinical and a life safety inspection, to determine full compliance with RSA 151 and He-P 816 prior to:
 - (1) The issuance of an initial license;

- (2) A change in ownership except as allowed under He-P 816.08(j)(1);
- (3) A change in the physical location of the EHC;
- (4) A change in the licensing classification, as defined by He-P 816.03(ae);
- (5) A change in the number of beds;
- (6) Occupation of space after construction, renovations or alterations; or
- (7) The renewal of a license.
- (c) In addition to (b) above the department shall conduct an inspection to verify the implementation of any POC accepted or issued by the department as part of an annual inspection, or as a follow up inspection focused on confirming the implementation of a POC.
- (d) A notice of deficiencies shall be issued when, as a result of an inspection, the department determines that the EHC is in violation of any of the provisions of He-P 816 or RSA 151.
- (e) If deficiencies were cited, the licensee shall submit a written POC, in accordance with He-P 816.12(c).

He-P 816.10 Waivers.

- (a) Applicants or licensees seeking waivers of specific rules in He-P 816 shall submit a written request for a waiver to the commissioner that includes:
 - (1) The specific reference to the rule for which a waiver is being sought;
 - (2) A full explanation of why a waiver is necessary and how a waiver is justified; and
 - (3) The period of time for which the waiver is sought.
 - (b) A waiver shall not exceed 12 months or the current license expiration date.
- (c) A request for waiver shall be granted if the commissioner determines that the terms of the waiver proposed by the applicant or licensee:
 - (1) Meets the objective or intent of the rule;
 - (2) Does not negatively impact public health or the health or safety of the students; and
 - (3) Does not negatively affect the quality of student services.
- (d) The licensee's subsequent compliance with the terms of the waiver as approved shall be considered equivalent to complying with the rule from which waiver was sought.
 - (e) Waivers shall not be transferable.
- (f) When a licensee wishes to renew the waiver beyond the approved period of time, the licensee shall apply for a new waiver by submitting the information required by (a) above:

- (1) When the licensee submits its application for license renewal pursuant to He-P 816.06(c); or
- (2) At least 15 days prior to the expiration of the waiver if the waiver expires on a date other than the expiration date of the license certificate.
- (g) The request to renew a waiver shall be subject to (b) through (f) above.

He-P 816.11 Complaints.

- (a) The department shall investigate complaints that allege a violation of RSA 151 or He-P 816.
- (b) When practicable the complaint shall be in writing and contain the following information:
 - (1) The name and address of the EHC;
 - (2) The name, address and telephone number of the complainant; and
 - (3) A description of the situation that supports the complaint and the alleged violation(s) of RSA 151 or He-P 816.
- (c) The department shall:
 - (1) Provide written notification of the results of the investigation to the licensee along with an inspection report if deficiencies were found as a result of the investigation; and
 - (2) Notify any other federal, state or local agencies of suspected violations of their statutes or rules based on the results of the investigation, as appropriate.
- (d) If the department determines that the complaint is unfounded or does not violate any statutes or rules, the department shall so notify the licensee and take no further action.
- (e) If the investigation results in deficiencies being cited, the licensee shall be required to submit a POC in accordance with He-P 816.12(c).
- (f) If the investigations results in a determination that the EHC is operating without a license, the owner or person responsible shall be allowed 7 days from the date of receipt of the notice required by (c)(1) above to respond to any finding that they are operating without a license or submit a completed application for a license.
- (g) If the owner of an EHC providing services without a license does not comply with (f) above, or if the department does not agree with the owner's response, the department shall:
 - (1) Issue a written warning to immediately comply with RSA 151 and He-P 816; and
 - (2) Provide notice stating that the individual has the right to appeal the warning in accordance with RSA 151:7-a, III.
- (h) Any person or entity who fails to comply after receiving a warning as described in (c)(1) above, shall be subject to an action by the department for injunctive relief under RSA 151:17.

- (i) The fact that the department takes action for injunctive relief under RSA 151:17 shall not preclude the department from taking other action under RSA 151, He-P 816 or other applicable laws.
- (j) Complaint investigation files shall be confidential in accordance with RSA 151:13, and shall not be disclosed publicly but shall be released by the department on written request only:
 - (1) To the department of justice when relevant to a specific investigation;
 - (2) To law enforcement when relevant to a specific criminal investigation;
 - (3) When a court of competent jurisdiction orders the department to release such information; or
 - (4) In connection with any administrative or judicial proceedings relative to the licensee.

Adopt He-P 816.13 – 816.14, previously effective 6/26/08 (Document #9193), and expired 6/26/16, to read as follows:

He-P 816.13 Enforcement Actions and Hearings.

- (a) Prior to imposing a fine, or denying, revoking or suspending a license, the department shall send to the applicant or licensee a written notice that sets forth:
 - (1) The reasons for the proposed action;
 - (2) The action to be taken by the department; and
 - (3) The right of an applicant or licensee to an administrative hearing in accordance with RSA 151:8 or RSA 541-A:30, III, as applicable.
 - (b) The department shall deny an application or revoke a license if:
 - (1) An applicant or a licensee violated RSA 151 or He-P 816 in a manner which poses a risk of harm to a student's health, safety or well being;
 - (2) An applicant or a licensee has failed to pay a fine imposed under administrative remedies;
 - (3) An applicant or a licensee has had a check returned to the department for insufficient funds and has not re-submitted the outstanding fee in the form of cash, money order or certified check;
 - (4) After being notified of and given an opportunity to supply missing information, an applicant or licensee fails to submit an application that meets the requirements of He-P 816.04;
 - (5) An applicant, licensee or any representative or employee of the applicant or licensee:
 - a. Provides false or misleading information to the department;
 - b. Prevents or interferes, or fails to cooperate with any inspection or investigation conducted by the department; or
 - c. Fails to provide requested files or documents to the department;

- (6) A licensee failed to fully implement or continue to implement a POC that has been accepted or imposed by the department in accordance with He-P 816.12(c) and (d);
- (7) A licensee has submitted a POC that has not been accepted by the department in accordance with He-P 816.12(c)(5) and has not submitted a revised POC as required by He-P 816.12(c)(6);
- (8) A licensee is cited a third time under RSA 151 or He-P 816 for the same violations within the last 5 inspections;
- (9) A licensee has had a license revoked and submits an application during the 5-year prohibition period specified in (h) below;
- (10) Upon inspection, the applicant's premise is not in full compliance with RSA 151 or He-P 816;
- (11) The department makes a determination that one or more of the factors in He-P 816.05(e) is true; or
- (12) The applicant or licensee fails to employ a qualified administrator or medical director.
- (c) An applicant or licensee shall have 30 days after receipt of the notice of enforcement action to request a hearing to contest the action.
- (d) If a written request for a hearing is not made pursuant to (c) above, the action of the department shall become final.
- (e) The department shall order the immediate suspension of a license and the cessation of operations when it finds that the health, safety or well being of students is in jeopardy and emergency action is required in accordance with RSA 541:A-30, III.
- (f) If an immediate suspension is upheld, the licensee shall not resume operating until the department determines through inspection that compliance with RSA 151 and He-P 816 is achieved.
 - (g) Hearings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with RSA 541-A and He-C 200.
- (h) When an EHC's license has been denied or revoked, if the enforcement action specifically pertained to his or her role in the program, the applicant, licensee, administrator or medical director shall not be eligible to reapply for a license, or be employed as an administrator or medical director for at least 5 years from:
 - (1) The date the department's decision to revoke or deny the license became effective, if no request for an administrative hearing is requested; or
 - (2) The date an order is issued upholding the action of the department, if a request for an administrative hearing was made and a hearing was held.
- (i) Notwithstanding (h) above, the department shall consider an application submitted after the decision to revoke or deny becomes final, if the applicant demonstrates that circumstances have changed to the extent that the department now has good cause to believe that the applicant has the requisite degree of knowledge, skills and resources necessary to maintain compliance with the provisions of RSA 151 and He-P 816.

- (j) RSA 541-A shall govern further appeals of department decisions under this section.
- (k) No ongoing enforcement action shall preclude the imposition of any remedy available to the department under RSA 151, RSA 541-A or He-P 816.

He-P 816.14 Duties and Responsibilities of All Licensees.

- (a) The licensee shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules, codes and ordinances, as applicable.
- (b) In accordance with RSA 151:20, the licensee shall have a written policy setting forth the rights and responsibilities of students receiving services at the EHC, as well as written procedures to implement its policy to ensure that the rights set forth in RSA 151:21, "Patients' Bill of Rights" are upheld.
 - (c) The licensee shall define, in writing, the scope and type of services to be provided at the EHC.
- (d) The licensee shall develop and implement written policies and procedures governing the operation and all services provided at the EHC and for:
 - (1) Reviewing the policies and procedures annually; and
 - (2) Revising them as needed.
- (e) The licensee shall assess and monitor the quality of care and services it provides to students on an ongoing basis.
- (f) The licensee or personnel shall not falsify any documentation or provide false or misleading information to the department.
- (g) The licensee shall not advertise or otherwise represent the EHC as having residential care or health care programs or services for which it is not licensed to provide.
- (h) The licensee shall comply with all conditions of warnings and administrative remedies issued by the department, and all court orders.
 - (i) Licensees shall:
 - (1) Manage and operate the EHC;
 - (2) Meet the needs of the students during the hours that the students are in the care of the EHC;
 - (3) Initiate action to maintain the EHC in full compliance at all times with all relevant health and safety requirements contained in applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances;
 - (4) Establish, in writing, a chain of command that sets forth the line of authority for the operation of the EHC:
 - (5) Appoint an onsite administrator;

- (6) Appoint a director of nursing;
- (7) Appoint a medical director;
- (8) Verify the qualifications of all personnel;
- (9) Provide sufficient numbers of personnel who are present in the EHC and are qualified to meet the needs of students during all hours of operation;
- (10) Provide the EHC with sufficient supplies, equipment and lighting to ensure that the needs of students are met:
- (11) Implement any POC that has been accepted or issued by the department; and
- (12) Require that all personnel follow the orders of the licensed practitioner for each student and encourage the students to follow the licensed practitioner's orders.
- (j) The licensee shall consider all students to be competent and capable of making health care decisions unless the student is under 18 years of age.
 - (k) The licensee shall only admit or treat a student whose needs can be met by the EHC.
- (1) If the licensee has a student whose needs cannot be met by the programs and services offered at the EHC, the licensee shall transfer the student to a hospital or other appropriately licensed facility.
- (m) The licensee shall not occupy more beds or exceed the maximum number of students to be cared for each day as authorized by NFPA 101 as adopted by the commissioner of the department of safety under Saf-C 6000 and identified on the license certificate issued by the department.
- (n) If the licensee accepts a student who is known to have a disease reportable under He-P 301, or an infectious disease, which is any disease caused by the growth of microorganisms in the body which might or might not be contagious, the licensee shall follow the required procedures and personnel training for the care of the students, as specified by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (June 2007).
- (o) The licensee shall report all positive tuberculosis (TB) test results for personnel to the office of disease control in accordance with RSA 141-C:7, He-P 301.02 and He-P 301.03.
- (p) In addition to the posting requirements specified in RSA 151:29, the licensee shall post the following documents in a public area:
 - (1) The current license issued in accordance with RSA 151:2;
 - (2) All inspection reports for the last 12 months in accordance with He-P 816.09(d) and He-P 816.11(c);
 - (3) A copy of the patients' bill of rights specified by RSA 151:21;
 - (4) A copy of the licensee's policies and procedures relative to the implementation of students' rights and responsibilities as required by RSA 151:20;

- (5) A copy of the licensee's complaint procedure as required by RSA 151:20, II;
- (6) The licensee's plan for fire safety, evacuation and emergencies, identifying the location of, and access to all fire exits; and
- (7) The EHC's hours of operation.

(q) Licensees shall:

- (1) Within 24 hours contact the department by telephone, fax or e-mail to report an unusual incident, as defined in He-P 816.03(av), and provide the following information:
 - a. The EHC name;
 - b. A description of the incident, including identification of injuries, if applicable;
 - c. The name of the licensee(s) or personnel involved in, witnessing or responding to the unusual incident:
 - d. The name of the student(s) or person(s) involved in or witnessing the unusual incident;
 - e. The date and time of the unusual incident;
 - f. The action taken in direct response to the unusual incident, including any follow-up;
 - g. If medical intervention was required, by whom and the date and time;
 - h. Whether the emergency contact or guardian, if any, was notified;
 - i. The signature of the person reporting the unusual incident; and
 - j. The date and time the student's primary care licensed practitioner was notified, if applicable;
- (2) Provide the information required by (1) above in writing within 72 hours of the unusual incident if the initial contact was made by telephone or if additional information becomes available subsequent to the time the initial contact was made;
- (3) Contact the department immediately by telephone, fax or e-mail to report the information required by (1) above to report the death of any student or the death of any student who dies within 10 days of an unusual incident as defined by He-P 816.03(av)(2);
- (4) Provide the information required by (3) above in writing within 72 hours of the death of any student or the death of any student who dies within 10 days of an unusual incident as defined by He-P 816.03(av)(2) if the initial contact was made by telephone or if additional information becomes available subsequent to the time the initial contact was made; and
- (5) Submit any further information requested by the department.

- (r) The licensee shall admit and allow any department representative to inspect the EHC and all programs and services that are being provided at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with RSA 151 and He-P 816, as authorized by RSA 151:6 and RSA 151:6-a.
- (s) Applicants, licensees and personnel shall cooperate with the department during all departmental inspections and investigations authorized under RSA 151 and He-P 816, including allowing representatives of the department to:
 - (1) Enter and complete an inspection of the premises;
 - (2) Review and reproduce any records, forms or reports which are required to be maintained or made available to the department; and
 - (3) Interview staff and students of the EHC.
- (t) The licensee shall, upon request, provide a student or their guardian, if applicable, with a copy of his or her student record pursuant to the provisions of RSA 151:21, X.
- (u) All records required for licensing shall be legible, current and accurate and be made available to the department during an inspection or investigation conducted in accordance with RSA 151:6 and RSA 151:6-a.
- (v) Any licensee that maintains electronic records shall develop a system with written policies and procedures to protect the privacy of students and personnel that, at a minimum, include:
 - (1) Procedures for backing up files to prevent loss of data;
 - (2) Safeguards for maintaining the confidentiality of information pertaining to students and personnel; and
 - (3) Systems to prevent tampering with information pertaining to students and personnel.
- (w) The licensee shall develop policies and procedures regarding the release of information contained in student records.
- (x) The licensee shall provide housekeeping and maintenance services, as needed to protect students, personnel, and the public.
- (y) The EHC shall comply with all federal, state and local health, building, fire and zoning laws, rules and ordinances.
- (z) The water used in the EHC shall be suitable for human consumption, pursuant to Env-Ws 315 and Env-Ws 316.

Adopt He-P 816.19 – 816.23, previously effective 6/26/08 (Document #9193), and expired 6/26/16, to read as follows:

He-P 816.19 Quality Improvement.

(a) The EHC shall develop and implement a quality improvement program that reviews policies and services and maximizes quality by preventing or correcting identified problems.

- (b) As part of its quality improvement program, a quality improvement committee shall be established.
- (c) The licensee shall determine the size and composition of the quality improvement committee based on the size of the EHC and the care and services offered.
 - (d) The quality improvement committee shall:
 - (1) Determine the information to be monitored;
 - (2) Determine the frequency with which information will be reviewed;
 - (3) Determine the indicators that will apply to the information being monitored;
 - (4) Evaluate the information that is gathered;
 - (5) Determine the action that is necessary to correct identified problems;
 - (6) Recommend corrective actions to the licensee; and
 - (7) Evaluate the effectiveness of the corrective actions.
- (e) The quality improvement committee shall meet at least twice per year, once during the fall and once during the spring.
 - (f) The quality improvement committee shall generate dated, written minutes after each meeting.
- (g) Documentation of all quality improvement activities shall be maintained on-site for at least 2 years.

He-P 816.20 Infection Control.

- (a) The licensee shall develop and implement an infection control program that educates and provides procedures for the prevention, control and investigation of infectious and communicable diseases.
 - (b) The infection control program shall include written procedures for:
 - (1) Proper hand washing techniques;
 - (2) The utilization of universal precautions, as specified by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (June 2007);
 - (3) The management of students with infectious or communicable diseases or illnesses;
 - (4) The handling, transport and disposal of those items identified as infectious waste in Env-Sw 103.28 and regulated by Env-Sw 904; and
 - (5) Reporting of infectious and communicable diseases as required by He-P 301.
 - (c) The infection control education program shall address at a minimum the:

- (1) Cause of infection;
- (2) Effect of infections;
- (3) Transmission of infections; and
- (4) Prevention and containment of infections.
- (d) Personnel infected with a disease or illness transmissible through food, fomites or droplets, shall not work in the EHC until they are no longer contagious.
- (e) Pursuant to RSA 141-C:1, personnel with a newly positive Mantoux tuberculosis skin test or a diagnosis of suspected active pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis shall be excluded from the workplace until a diagnosis of tuberculosis is excluded or until the person is on tuberculosis treatment and has been determined to be non-infectious by a licensed practitioner.
- (f) Personnel with an open wound who work in the EHC shall cover such wound at all times by an impermeable, durable, tight fitting bandage.
- (g) Personnel infected with scabies or lice/pediculosis shall not provide direct care to students until such time as they are no longer infected.
- (h) Any EHCs caring for students with infectious or communicable diseases shall have available appropriate isolation accommodations, equipment, rooms and personnel as specified in the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (June 2007).

He-P 816.21 Sanitation.

- (a) The EHC shall maintain a clean, safe and sanitary environment throughout the EHC licensed premises.
 - (b) All furniture, floors, ceilings, walls, and fixtures shall be clean, sanitary and in good repair.
- (c) The EHC shall maintain a supply of potable water available for human consumption and food preparation.
- (d) A supply of hot and cold running water shall be available at all times and precautions such as temperature regulation shall be taken to prevent a scalding injury to the students.
- (e) Hot water shall be of a high enough temperature to ensure sanitation and food safety when used for laundry and food preparations.
- (f) Cleaning solutions, compounds and substances considered hazardous or toxic materials, as defined in RSA 147-A:2 VII, shall be distinctly labeled and legibly marked so as to identify the contents and stored in a place separate from food, medications, program supplies and other cleaning materials.
- (g) Toxic materials shall not be used in a way that contaminates food, equipment, or utensils or in any way other than in full compliance with the manufacturer's labeling.

- (h) Only individuals authorized under RSA 430:33 may apply pesticides as defined by RSA 430:29, XXVI, for rodent or cockroach control in food storage, food preparation or dining areas.
 - (i) Bathrooms and laundry rooms, if present, shall have non-porous floors.
- (j) There shall be a designated soiled workroom that contains a sink and storage area for soiled materials and linens.
- (k) If equipment or supplies need to be sterilized in order to prevent contamination, the EHC shall develop and maintain written procedures for cleaning, packaging and sterilization that includes:
 - (1) Testing and documenting sterilization processes used;
 - (2) Documentation when supplies are outdated; and
 - (3) Ensuring that all sterile packages are stored separately from non-sterile supplies in an enclosed area.
- (1) The sterilization system required in (k) above shall be checked for effective sterilization in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation, and the results of these quality control tests shall be documented.
 - (m) Sterile and clean supplies and equipment shall:
 - (1) Be stored in dust-proof, moisture-free storage areas; and
 - (2) Not be mixed with soiled supplies.
- (n) All student bathing and toileting facilities shall be cleaned and disinfected as often as necessary to prevent illness or contamination, but at least:
 - (1) For bedpans, urinals, commodes and other student equipment as follows:
 - a. After each use if used by more than one student; or
 - b. Daily if used by only one student;
 - (2) For showers or tubs after each use by a different person; and
 - (3) For basin, fixtures and toilets at least once a day, and more often when soiled regardless of the number of people.
- (o) Any EHC that has its own water supply and whose water has been tested and has failed to meet the acceptable levels identified in this section, or as required by the department of environmental services shall notify the department upon receipt of notice of a failed water test.

He-P 816.22 Physical Environment.

(a) The physical environment shall be maintained, inside and outside, so as to provide for the health, safety, well-being and comfort of students and personnel, including reasonable accommodations for students and personnel with mobility limitations.

- (b) Equipment providing heat within an EHC including, but not limited to, gas furnace or boiler, oil furnace or boiler, wood stove or pellet stove shall:
 - (1) Maintain a temperature of at least 70 degrees Fahrenheit if student(s) are present; and
 - (2) Be serviced once a year or as recommended by the manufacturer with written documentation of such service retained for at least 4 years.
 - (c) Electric heating systems shall be exempt from (b)(2) above.
 - (d) Portable space heating devices shall be prohibited, unless the following are met:
 - (1) Such devices are used only in personnel areas where personnel are present and awake at all times; and
 - (2) The heating elements of such devices do not exceed 212 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - (e) Unvented fuel-fired heaters shall not be used in any EHC.
- (f) Plumbing shall be sized, installed, and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the International Plumbing Code, as specified in the state building code under RSA 155-A:1, IV, as amended by the building code review board pursuant to RSA 155-A:10, V.
- (g) Ventilation shall be provided throughout the entire building by means of a mechanical ventilation system or with one or more screened windows that can be opened.
 - (h) Screens shall be provided for doors, windows or other openings to the outside.
- (i) Doors that are self-closing and remain closed when not in use shall be exempt from the requirement in (h) above.
 - (j) The EHC shall have a telephone to which the students have access.
 - (k) There shall be a reception and waiting area that includes chairs, tables and sufficient lighting.
 - (1) In accordance with RSA 155:66, I, smoking shall be prohibited in the EHC.
- (m) All EHCs shall have access within the EHC to a bathroom with a toilet, a hand washing sink, soap dispenser, paper towels or a hand-drying device providing heated air, and hot and cold running water.
 - (n) All bathrooms doors shall have a side hinge door and not a folding or sliding door or a curtain.
 - (o) There shall be sufficient space and equipment for the services provided at the EHC.
- (p) If the EHC does not have licensed beds it shall provide standard twin size (or larger) bed(s) in a room designated specifically for rest or sleep to accommodate each student who may require rest or sleep during the time they are present during the day.
 - (q) All beds shall be changed with clean linens between use by different students.

- (r) The licensee shall provide students with continuous access to a device or means that will signal EHC personnel when they are in need of assistance.
- (s) In addition to (m) above, EHC's with licensed beds shall have a bathroom equipped with tub or shower facilities sufficient to meet the needs of students.
- (t) All bathroom and closet door latches or locks shall be designed for easy opening from the inside and outside in an emergency.
- (u) All showers and tubs shall have slip resistant floors and surfaces which are intact, easily cleanable, and impervious to water.
 - (v) Each room containing a licensed bed(s) shall:
 - (1) Provide at least 100 square feet per room with one bed and at least 160 square feet per room with 2 beds exclusive of space required for closets, wardrobes, and toilet room, except those licensed rooms existing on the date that this section takes effect shall provide at least 80 square feet for rooms with one bed and 140 square feet for rooms with 2 beds;
 - (2) Have a door that shall be of the side hinge type and not a folding door or a curtain;
 - (3) Have its own separate entry, which permits a student to reach the room without passing through another patient room;
 - (4) Have at least 3 feet of clear aisle space leading from one side of any bed to the door;
 - (5) Contain the following:
 - a. A minimum of one, but no more than 2, beds with mattresses;
 - b. A pillow, linens and blankets for each bed; and
 - c. One bedside table and a lamp or light for each bed;
 - (6) Have at least one over the bed table per room;
 - (7) Have window blinds or curtains that provide privacy;
 - (8) A privacy partition, curtain or screen between beds in semiprivate rooms; and
 - (9) Have natural lighting directly from outside windows of a size equivalent to or greater than 8% of the room's gross square footage.
 - (w) All mattresses and new upholstered furniture or draperies shall comply with Saf-C 6000.
- (x) The licensee shall be permitted to be licensed for more than one classification, but if the licensee has overnight beds for more than one licensing classification, physically separate and distinct units are required for each such classification and a different fire code chapter may be enforced for each classification.

- (a) All EHCs shall meet the requirements of the appropriate chapter of NFPA 101 as adopted by the commissioner of the department of safety in Saf-C 6000.
 - (b) All EHC's that have overnight beds shall have:
 - (1) Smoke detectors on every level and in every sleeping room that are interconnected to the building's fire alarm system and either hardwired, powered by the EHC's electrical service, or AC 120 volt wireless, as approved by the state fire marshal;
 - (2) At least one ABC type fire extinguisher on every level; and
 - (3) An approved carbon monoxide monitor on every level.
- (c) An emergency and fire safety program shall be developed and implemented to provide for the safety of students and personnel.
- (d) The EHC shall immediately notify the department by phone, fax or electronic mail within 24 hours and in writing within 72 hours of any fire or situation, excluding a false alarm, that requires either an emergency response to the EHC or the evacuation of the licensed premises.
 - (e) The written notification required by (d) above shall include:
 - (1) The date and time of the incident;
 - (2) A description of the location and extent of the incident, including any injuries to students or personnel or damage sustained by the EHC;
 - (3) A description of events preceding and following the incident;
 - (4) The name of any personnel or students who were evacuated as a result of the incident, if applicable;
 - (5) The name of any personnel or students who required medical treatment as a result of the incident, if applicable; and
 - (6) The name of the individual the licensee wishes the department to contact if additional information is required.
- (f) For the use and storage of oxygen and other related gases, EHCs shall comply with NFPA 99 as adopted by the commissioner of the department of safety under Saf-C 6000 including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) All freestanding compressed gas cylinders shall be firmly secured to the adjacent wall or secured in a stand or rack;
 - (2) Storage locations shall be outdoors in an enclosure or within an enclosed interior space of noncombustible or limited-combustible construction, with doors, or with gates if outdoors, that can be secured against unauthorized entry;
 - (3) Oxidizing gases, such as oxygen and nitrous oxide, shall:

- a. Not be stored with any flammable gas, liquid, or vapor;
- b. Be separated from combustibles or incompatible materials by:
 - 1. A minimum distance of 20 ft (6.1 m);
 - 2. A minimum distance of 5 ft (1.5 m) if the entire storage location is protected by an automatic sprinkler system designed in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems; or
 - 3. An approved, enclosed flammable liquid storage cabinet of noncombustible construction having a minimum fire protection rating of one-half hour for cylinder storage; and
- c. Shall be secured in an upright position, such as with racks or chains;
- (4) A precautionary sign, readable from a distance of 5 ft (1.5 m), shall be conspicuously displayed on each door or gate of the storage room or enclosure, and shall include, at a minimum, the following: "CAUTION, OXIDIZING GAS(ES) STORED WITHIN NO SMOKING"; and
- (5) Precautionary signs, readable from a distance of 5 ft (1.5 m), and with language such as "OXYGEN IN USE, NO SMOKING", shall be conspicuously displayed wherever supplemental oxygen is in use and in aisles and walkways leading to the area of use, and shall be attached to adjacent doorways or to building walls or be supported by other appropriate means.
- (g) Each licensee shall develop a written emergency plan that covers:
 - (1) Loss of electricity, water and or heat;
 - (2) Bomb threat;
 - (3) Severe weather;
 - (4) Fire;
 - (5) Gas leaks; and
 - (6) Any situation that requires evacuation or closure of the EHC.
- (h) Each licensee shall:
 - (1) Annually review and revise, as needed, its emergency plan;
 - (2) Submit its emergency plan to the local emergency management director (EMD) and fire chief, if different than the EMD, for review and approval when initially written and whenever the plan is revised; and
 - (3) Maintain documentation on-site which establishes that the emergency plan has been approved as required under (2) above.

- (i) Evacuation drills shall include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency fire condition.
- (j) Evacuation drills shall be conducted monthly if the EHC has licensed beds or quarterly if it does not have beds and vary in time to include all staff.
 - (k) All staff shall participate in at least one drill quarterly.
- (1) For personnel who are unable to participate in the scheduled drill described in (k) above, on the day they return to work the administrator or designee shall, if applicable, instruct them as to any changes in the facility's fire and emergency plan and document such instruction in their personnel file.
- (m) Personnel who are unable to participate in a drill in accordance with (k) above shall participate in a drill within the next quarter.
 - (n) Per-diem or temporary personnel shall not be the only person on duty unless they have:
 - (1) Participated in at least one actual fire drill in the facility in the past year; and
 - (2) Participated in the facility's orientation program pursuant to He-P 816.18(g)(5).
 - (o) All emergency and evacuation drills shall be documented and include the following information:
 - (1) The names of the personnel and students involved in the evacuation;
 - (2) The time, including AM or PM, date, month, and year the drill was conducted;
 - (3) The exits utilized;
 - (4) The total time necessary to evacuate the EHC;
 - (5) The time needed to complete the drill; and
 - (6) Any problems encountered and corrective actions taken to rectify problems.

Appendix B

Rule	Specific State or Federal Statutes the Rule Implements
He-P 816.01 – He-P 816.03	RSA 151:9, I(a)(b)
He-P 816.04 – He-P 816.06	RSA 151:2, I(a); RSA 151:2, II; RSA 151:9, I(a)
He-P 816.07 – He-P 816.08	RSA 151:9, I(a)
He-P 816.09	RSA 151:9, I(e)
He-P 816.10	RSA 151:9, I(a)
He-P 816.11	RSA 151:9, I(e)
He-P 816.13	RSA 151:9, I(f)(h)
He-P 816.14	RSA 151:9, I(a)
He-P 816.19 – He-P 816.23	RSA 151:9, I(a)